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1. Until recently, the production plan provided for the production of mirrors for carbon arc lamps with diameters of 30 and 60 cm at the VEB Rathenower Optische Werke (VVB Optik). Experiments have shown, however, that such mirrors can be blown in other factories and the firm has been told to turn its main effort to the manufacture of microscopes and prism glasses. However, since this was not included in the plan, the factory lacks all the necessary material. There appears to be no chance in the immediate future of obtaining it. The concern hopes to obtain the microscopes from the Korth\*firm in Berlin and to manufacture the optical elements itself.
2. There is general discontent at Rathenow concerning Zeiss-Jena which, as a member of VVB Optik, has some supervisory rights at the Rathenow factory. The employees state that this supervision consists of causing difficulties and giving absolutely no aid. Obviously Zeiss-Jena considers this an opportunity of eliminating a possible competitor.

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